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**Survey
Results
Included**

- Cattle on Feed
- Livestock Slaughter
- Monthly U.S. Livestock and Meat Trade

Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	November 1 Number on Feed ¹			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	2008 2007	2007	2008	2008 2007	2007	2008	2008 2007	2007	2008	2008 2007
				1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	360	362	101	39	31	79	27	28	104	2	1	50
California	545	500	92	67	54	81	60	57	95	2	2	100
Colorado	1,030	960	93	260	245	94	165	150	91	5	5	100
Idaho	235	210	89	69	55	80	43	39	91	1	1	100
Iowa	550	485	88	120	104	87	79	93	118	1	1	100
Kansas	2,420	2,230	92	530	450	85	410	360	88	10	20	200
Nebraska	2,400	2,310	96	620	590	95	350	375	107	10	15	150
New Mexico	143	172	120	31	17	55	19	17	89	2	1	50
Oklahoma	335	320	96	74	75	101	63	68	108	1	2	200
South Dakota	205	200	98	71	70	99	45	43	96	1	2	200
Texas	3,000	2,710	90	700	630	90	530	495	93	10	15	150
Washington	166	163	98	42	38	90	29	31	107	1	1	100
Other States	380	350	92	102	79	77	56	58	104	1	1	100
United States	11,769	10,972	93	2,725	2,438	89	1,876	1,814	97	47	67	143

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

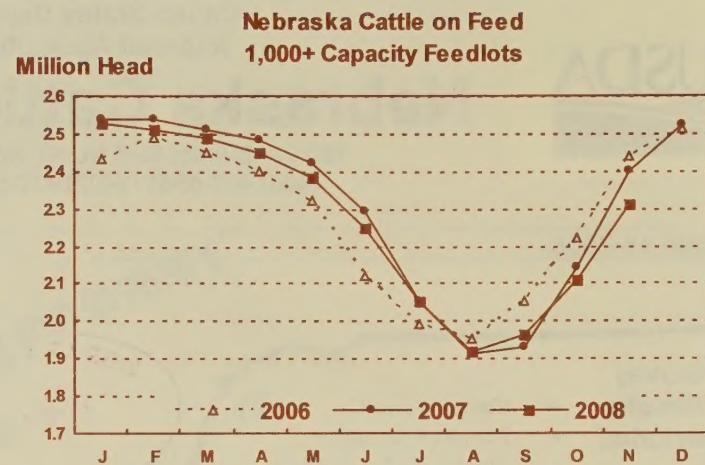
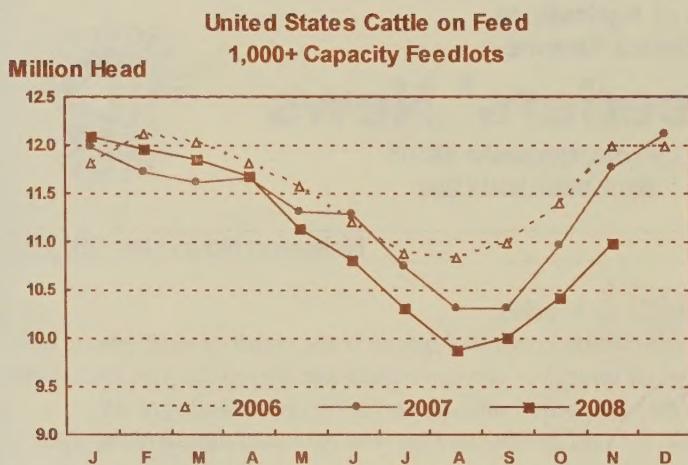
² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, November 21, 2008

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	During October									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
1,000 Head										
Colorado	65	50	65	70	55	45	75	80	260	245
Kansas	175	100	135	120	125	125	95	105	530	450
Nebraska	175	160	175	160	110	100	160	170	620	590
Texas	210	195	230	160	180	190	80	85	700	630
Other States	240	195	140	105	85	83	150	140	615	523
United States	865	700	745	615	555	543	560	580	2,725	2,438

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 21, 2008



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Oct 2007	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Oct % of		Jan-Oct ²		
				Oct 2007	Sep 2008	2007	2008	08 as % of 07
Beef	2,407.3	2,239.2	2,305.4	96	103	21,835.7	22,215.8	102
Veal	10.7	12.5	13.2	122	106	114.4	115.9	101
Pork	2,127.9	*1,960.1	2,144.8	101	109	17,779.9	19,260.3	108
Lamb &	15.5	13.6	14.2	92	104	144.7	138.9	96
Total Red ³	4,561.4	*4,225.4	4,477.6	98	106	39,874.8	41,730.9	105

* Revised. ¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. ³Totals may not equal sum of parts due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter November 21, 2008

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Oct 2007	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Jan-Oct ¹		Oct 2007	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Jan-Oct ¹	
				2007	2008				2007	2008
				1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,481	1,422	1,397	14,666	14,541	48.6	50.0	47.6	51.8	50.7
Heifers	970	835	898	8,535	8,517	31.8	29.4	30.6	30.1	29.7
All Cows	541	527	583	4,665	5,130	17.8	18.5	19.9	16.5	17.9
Dairy Cows	245	224	236	2,075	2,154	8.0	7.9	8.1	7.3	7.5
Other Cows	297	303	347	2,590	2,975	9.7	10.7	11.8	9.1	10.4
Bulls	54	59	55	466	520	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.8
Total ¹	3,046	2,842	2,933	28,331	28,707	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	64	86	94	627	770	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	10,203	*9,544	10,307	85,417	92,745	96.7	96.6	96.7	96.4	96.5
Sows	311	298	310	2,755	2,983	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1
Stags & Boars	41	36	40	401	394	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total ¹	10,555	*9,878	10,657	88,573	96,121	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	11	11	10	95	102	4.7	5.5	4.8	4.5	5.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	221	196	199	1,999	1,898	95.3	94.5	95.2	95.5	94.5
Total ¹	232	207	209	2,094	2,001	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Revised. ¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter November 21, 2008

U.S. Livestock & Meat Trade

Item	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07
Beef & Veal Imports												
Australia	80,754	75,400	65,617	32,884	67,384	92,449	87,267	83,028	95,053	76,336	65,094	82,530
New Zealand	25,578	44,506	52,851	48,184	50,404	60,516	65,874	54,521	54,797	31,123	19,862	19,316
Canada	67,238	63,002	66,577	75,179	78,276	70,896	68,173	67,457	62,863	66,590	63,019	61,160
Brazil	25,053	21,133	24,685	20,101	23,751	26,040	21,706	26,142	23,309	24,450	22,297	25,239
Argentina	7,390	8,014	5,944	2,182	4,801	5,896	5,550	5,244	6,974	8,741	6,970	5,886
Central America	8,743	9,744	8,977	9,846	10,570	7,190	6,983	5,765	8,571	10,216	8,277	11,135
Uruguay	22,614	21,130	41,798	30,782	36,749	32,656	42,573	32,395	51,254	31,156	22,171	16,763
Mexico	3,881	3,030	3,345	3,541	4,491	4,616	4,810	5,048	4,851	4,527	3,859	3,850
Other	69	252	380	248	374	460	426	567	629	471	684	387
Total	241,320	246,213	270,174	222,948	276,799	300,719	303,363	280,166	308,301	253,610	212,234	226,266
Beef & Veal Exports												
Japan	10,253	7,933	9,447	9,728	9,179	9,458	15,610	18,008	17,923	17,535	13,764	14,064
Canada	22,335	20,670	15,792	14,984	17,372	23,616	34,278	37,576	36,146	30,432	30,791	32,795
Mexico	53,518	54,194	43,946	45,983	44,429	48,859	54,999	50,054	54,497	55,092	41,939	53,097
South Korea	100	248	187	85	85	306	3,085	6,823	34,767	6,361	19,140	6,409
Caribbean	3,236	3,795	3,210	2,885	3,502	3,355	3,338	4,029	4,143	3,452	2,721	3,519
China (Taiwan)	5,207	5,006	6,072	3,962	5,137	5,199	4,883	6,171	6,144	6,456	5,217	6,755
Other	10,231	11,267	9,333	10,787	12,578	13,907	10,263	9,658	11,218	12,864	13,032	19,709
Total	104,881	103,112	87,987	88,415	92,281	104,701	126,456	132,320	164,838	132,193	126,604	136,348
Cattle Imports												
Mexico	170,963	108,994	38,290	69,413	150,376	112,657	93,239	72,787	49,689	54,375	55,693	124,218
Canada	99,611	87,437	111,305	120,921	138,726	107,445	72,019	60,036	62,608	97,478	142,632	184,876
Over 700 lbs.	90,780	73,469	101,917	112,642	128,973	101,780	64,856	55,069	59,815	93,434	136,364	172,468
Immediate slaughter	76,799	61,555	74,782	81,800	93,061	66,716	40,879	35,594	43,145	65,415	77,632	101,852
440-700 lbs.	7,863	11,995	8,509	7,735	9,614	5,665	7,163	4,839	2,362	3,224	5,913	10,408
Total	270,574	196,431	149,595	190,334	289,102	220,102	165,258	132,823	112,297	151,853	198,325	309,094
Cattle Exports												
Mexico	297	165	-	-	-	9	-	-	109	-	344	2,822
Canada	1,778	3,108	3,748	2,719	2,684	1,287	4,322	9,194	4,002	1,416	2,610	3,128
Total	7,959	3,274	3,748	7,282	2,684	1,350	4,437	9,317	4,148	1,492	3,001	5,953
Pork Imports												
Canada	70,909	66,940	60,297	61,584	71,364	65,593	68,070	68,950	66,653	64,368	62,265	64,013
Denmark	6,827	6,993	6,302	8,118	9,745	11,532	9,413	7,608	7,433	7,830	6,404	7,905
Poland	2,104	2,324	1,469	2,345	2,183	1,988	2,271	2,778	1,759	2,774	1,138	3,896
Netherlands	-	-	52	70	-	81	49	-	25	155	316	257
Hungary	-	132	66	132	265	66	133	199	136	66	66	66
Other	5,434	5,301	4,615	4,822	5,980	6,016	5,775	5,923	6,102	6,320	6,658	8,093
Total	85,274	81,691	72,800	77,072	89,538	85,276	85,711	85,458	82,108	81,514	76,848	84,164
Pork Exports												
Japan	96,307	99,220	105,184	85,934	98,890	83,876	97,099	83,071	79,752	88,425	79,155	91,594
Canada	33,233	27,421	24,897	23,901	29,217	25,906	28,453	26,885	28,266	31,307	36,023	34,928
Mexico	50,176	59,607	52,727	44,942	36,979	27,574	30,274	27,484	33,776	34,888	29,557	40,089
Russia	30,025	4,788	11,416	13,801	16,137	16,361	19,645	16,957	14,230	17,561	20,074	35,419
South Korea	34,728	39,133	34,372	33,624	28,942	22,608	14,734	11,298	11,905	12,974	11,308	20,644
Hong Kong	5,407	6,325	5,661	4,800	6,072	3,783	3,879	6,525	8,240	13,454	15,221	18,902
China (Mainland)	10,686	14,912	17,544	11,712	12,371	13,075	17,459	16,264	18,843	14,007	21,685	33,420
China (Taiwan)	4,618	2,803	2,919	2,905	3,698	5,747	4,211	4,518	2,309	1,563	1,366	1,675
Caribbean	5,186	4,663	2,651	3,097	3,913	4,167	5,427	3,559	4,503	4,786	3,876	6,398
Other	24,094	19,901	21,751	24,354	27,211	21,604	21,546	21,003	18,931	22,512	22,354	29,319
Total	294,461	278,773	279,122	249,070	263,430	224,701	242,725	217,564	220,755	241,478	240,619	312,388
Hog Imports												
Canada	790,722	752,963	787,163	719,806	794,929	760,414	844,880	764,208	783,694	877,564	802,682	928,278
Under 110 lbs.	521,257	495,946	514,775	514,921	555,177	531,712	601,932	502,070	515,107	593,166	535,225	591,441
Under 15 lbs.	300,932	262,893	288,292	289,045	329,090	282,148	342,656	280,734	282,101	342,239	295,660	327,158
Total	790,722	752,963	787,163	719,806	794,929	760,414	844,905	764,208	783,694	877,564	802,688	928,278
Hog Exports												
Total	8,039	6,311	17,450	9,340	10,160	4,932	4,014	6,337	12,981	15,912	15,421	19,107

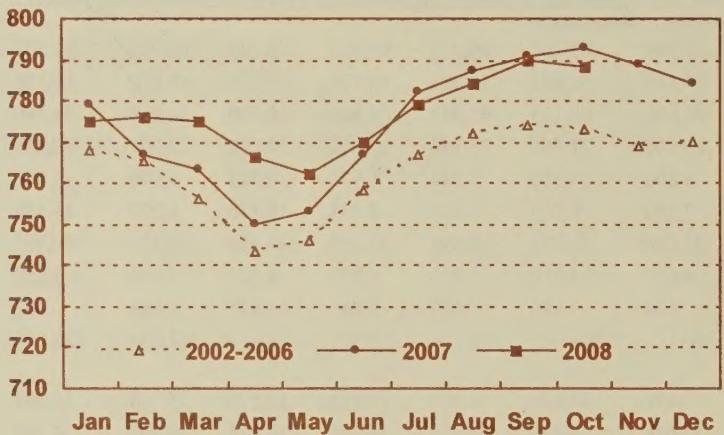
Lamb and Mutton imports and exports, Broiler, Turkey, and Shell Egg exports are available at:

http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/MeatTrade/data/monthly_US_Livestock_meat_trade.xls

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

**U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights
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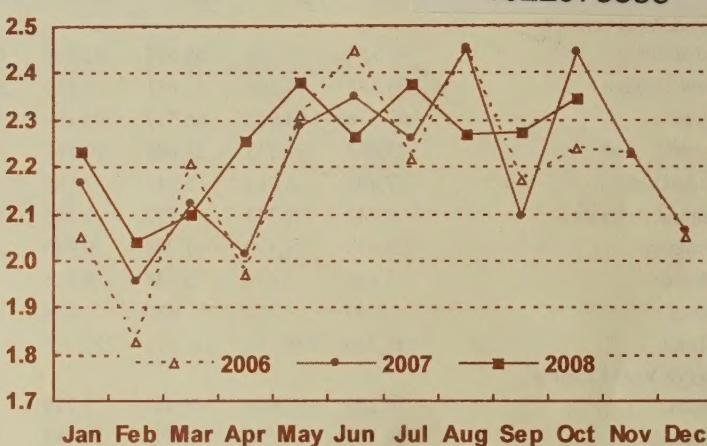
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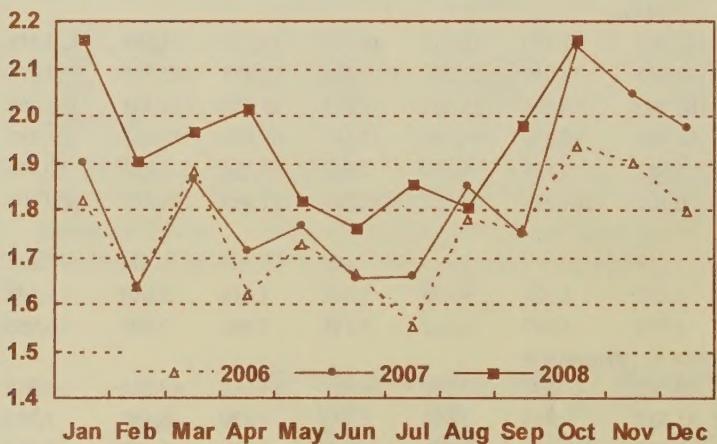
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U.S. Commercial Pork Production

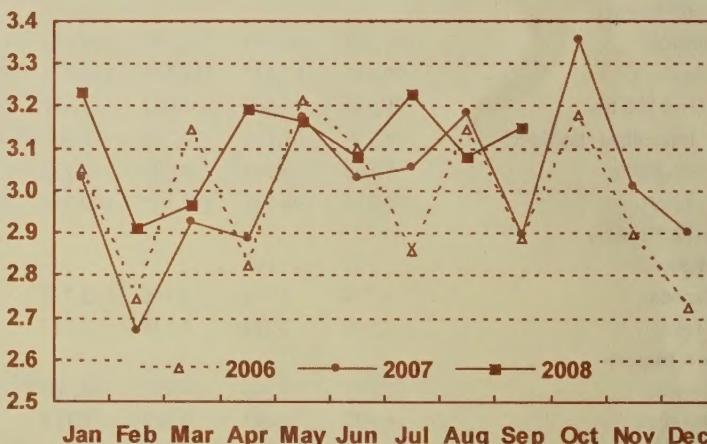
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